

REMARKS

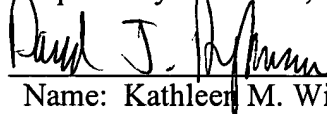
This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 23, 2005, in which claims 6-23, 25-45 and 47-54 were rejected. The Final Office Action rejected claims 6-23, 25-45 and 47-54 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,657,169. Filed with this Reply is a Terminal Disclaimer regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,657,169. The Terminal Disclaimer should overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 6-23, 25-45 and 47-54.

With this Reply, Applicant has made an earnest effort to respond to all issues raised in the Final Office Action of May 23, 2005, and to place all pending claims in condition for allowance. No Amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

Applicant submits that pending claims 6-23, 25-45 and 47-54 are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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